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## GMA launches urban land reform

By Gil C. Cabanagem Jr.

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has put her mission as ambitious plan to legitimize the ownership of squatter-owned lands in order to unlock at least \$100 billion in "dead capital," based on the informal theories of her special economic adviser, Peruvian economist Hernando de Soto.

The President yesterday issued Executive Order No. 371 authorizing the Special Development Assistance Commission (SDAC) to set up the Urban Asset Reform Program Management Office (UAPMO) to be headed by a stated undersecretary.

"The UAPMO is mandated to develop the present state of economic. Hernando de Soto is giving the integration of formal and informal settlements into one legal system as the framework of Philippine urban sector reform," according to an executive order.

But MacArroyo signed on Oct. 12. The new office is tasked to introduce the Soto's ideas on property to help integrate an urban poor sector into the mainstream economy, create the implementation mechanisms within the Presidential Commission on the Urban Poor that will enable these sectors to integrate their rights to legal and business "assets," and establish the legal framework required to facilitate, monitor and allocate these "assets" for productive purposes.

In Soto's view, the Philippines

last year on the initiative of the President, who is a great advocate of his economic idea of unlocking the potential of the poor. One of these ideas is granting property rights to squatters so they can own land they occupy, but do not own any useful capital.

De Soto believes that the main difference between rich and poor countries is not the lack of legal rights for assets which the poor already possess but do not own.

MacArroyo's program of giving the squatters title to the public lands they occupy is patterned af-

ter De Soto's ideas. He hopes that through these measures, the poor can gain access to bank loans with which they can start a small business.

De Soto estimated that untitled lands in the Philippines, one of the aspects that he has closely studied in Asia, could be worth as much as \$1.6 billion, or less than the value of the corporate assets managed by the Philippine stock exchange.

By its reckoning, illegal squatters in the Philippines have at least \$100 billion in untapped capital.

which they could use to improve their lives. The government would integrate their assets rights to the property into one legal title.

De Soto estimated that 75 percent of all dwellers in the Philippines own no property to which they have no legal title.

But according to illegal squatters, this is a legal title in the hands of the President's office. De Soto would that it would take 100 years for an illegally occupied property to become legal, and this would take between 12 and 25 years.

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## Palace says no coup will succeed

By Juliet Laking-Jordan

MANILA (AP) — President Arroyo said today that no coup attempt would succeed in ousting her, adding that the Philippines is a democracy.

The Palace made the statement in connection with a coup attempt in Myanmar.

"This administration is pushing the threshold of change and reform in all fronts and areas and is not vulnerable to military intervention," said Presidential spokesman Ignacio Benerio in a statement.

"The President holds the high moral ground and cannot be intimidated from it," he said.

Three times the President's assistant said the armed forces of Myanmar are in a state of emergency and are not to be used.

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# Shell nips Alaska in OT for 5th straight victory

By June Navarra

**HOLO CITY**—Shell picked together another sparkling performance on the road as the Seabearers defeated the Alaska Aces by overtime, 83-78, to keep their streak going in the 2006 Shell Philippine Cup.

Rob Alvarez completed a three-point play off home three, putting the way for the Seabearers' 83th straight win and a share of the full P1M Pioneer Plus at P1. This year's top scorer took full a lay-up, finished a fast break to a fast 7. The Aces lost the home game for a 74-77 Shell advantage with 41 ticks remaining.

It was the Aces' eighth straight loss on the road since last year while the Seabearers won their 83rd consecutive win of home game after beating Red Bull in Cagayan de Oro on Oct. 20. The Aces fell to 1-5.

Alvarez had 14 points, Alvarez had 11 while Tony delo Cruz scored in 30 points and 11 rebounds for the Seabearers in the game presented by Gamewatch, the official

ball supplement of the PBA season.

Meanwhile, Gary Vinasco took the lead in a late in his Aces' start post player when Red Bull forward Gary Vinasco scored at 7:20 a.m. today at the Alabaster Coliseum.

Red Bull lost key man, Dennis Murphy and Mark Francis after both were found to have failed their urine in Philippine citizenship.

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# Russian troops linked to missing Iraq explosives

WASHINGTON—Russia's special forces "almost certainly" removed the explosives missing from a military base south of Baghdad before the March 2003 U.S. invasion and sent them to Syria, Lebanon and possibly Iran, The Washington Times daily said Thursday morning.

"The Russians brought in, just before the war got started, a whole series of military units... Their main job was to shield all evidence of any of the conventional armaments they had with the troops," deputy undersecretary of defense for international technology security John Blum told the daily in an interview.

The official said he believes the Russian troops, working with Iraqi intelligence, "almost certainly" removed the high explosives instead of what were missing from the Al Ques military facility south of Baghdad.

The missing 300 tons of explosives were among the international secret energy agency raised the alert earlier this month, but he does not believe in the US presidential election campaign, with Democrats challenging John Kerry's attempt to convince Republicans President George W. Bush of incompetence in his handling of post-invasion Iraq.

It is not clear whether the explosives—used in gas plants, pipelines and much else—be used in a trigger for a nuclear device—were so moved from the site before or after the U.S.-led invasion that supplied Iraq's weapons.

The Washington Times' source is the first to give a clear indication of where the explosives were removed.

Blum, who was in charge of investigating the loss of conventional



AN IRAQI Shia Muslim girl stands at the entrance of her house during the visit of Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, Nuri al-Maliki, Oct. 27.

arms provided to Iraq by foreign suppliers, said he recently obtained reliable information on the arms disposal program from two European intelligence sources that have detailed knowledge of the Russian-Iraqi weapons collaboration.

He said Iraq's most powerful weapons were systematically acquired from other arms like mortars, bombs and rockets, and sent to Syria and Lebanon, and possibly to Iran.

The Al Ques facility, he added, was closely guarded, making it unlikely the explosives could have been stolen.

"That was such a precise location, Number 1, that the mere loss of 100 tons of explosives disappearing was impossible," he said. "And Number 2, if the staff disappearance, a fail to hear gone before we got there."

Notably, The New York Times—which broke the story of the missing explosives on Monday—said Thursday that leaders warned Al Ques of the U.S.-led invasion.

Given these warnings, the daily said most of the known arms in trucks to head off invasions, dismantled heavy machinery and other equipment.

The New York Times said that while the accounts did not address the question of where the 300 tons of explosives were missing, they "understand that when we all look at the loss of the facility, was the critical and most important of American troops, who did not return the site after leaving the Iraq forces in abundance."

US Army Col. David Perkins, who commanded the brigade that first entered the Al Ques site in March 2003 said Wednesday he was only conducting a cursory search of the facility because "the priority was to capture the march-out facility."

"The main focus was not go back and do a very precise inventory of how many shells and things like that because it was just not the issue at hand," he told reporters. AFP

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# Indon court told Bashir incited attacks

JAKARTA, Indonesia—Muslim clerics Abu Bakar Bashir were on trial on Thursday accused of leading an al-Qaida-linked militant network and for using his "religious charisma" to incite others to carry out bomb attacks.

Prosecutors said Bashir also ordered members of the Jemaah Islamiyah group to disseminate statements from al-Qaida that incite his followers to the war against America.

His sentences total an early exit of prison by new President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono to fight terrorism. The 52-year-old in Indonesia said the trial could spark violence.

Index of Bashir's supporters showed "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest) as his favorite phrase. He has 15 annual offices led by the imprisoned preacher in recent years. Bashir said he would have released his supporters by placing a finger to his lips.

"I'm clear I'm not guilty. I'm sure," the 46-year-old cleric said as he sat in the dock. He accused President George

W. Bush from "Islam America" and Indonesian Prime Minister John Howard of encouraging violence.

"I'm sure know, everybody knows, it's Bush and his slave, John Howard," said a smiling Bashir, wearing a white Muslim head cap and with a shawl draped around his shoulders.

Prosecutors have charged Bashir with leading Jemaah Islamiyah in relation to a suicide-bomb attack on the US Marine Hotel in Jakarta in August last year that killed 32 people, along with those in that night club in October 2002 that killed 262.

He could face the death penalty if found guilty.

"The defendant... planned and or moved other people to conduct terrorism crimes, as plaintiffs and consciously using violence as the threat of violence to create the atmosphere of terror, as well as in mass assemblies," said prosecutor Sukman Mulyono, reading the legal article being read against Bashir.

The trial was later adjourned until



Bashir was indicted in his support base in 2002 and during his trial.

Nov. 4. Security was tight, with Bashir supporters punched explosives outside the court, prompting a flurry of shots from the officers' colleagues but there were

no other incidents.

Authorities have blamed Jemaah Islamiyah for the attacks which Bashir is charged, as well as for last month's suicide bombing at the Australian embassy in Jakarta that killed 18.

Prosecutor Mulyono gave no details of what crimes Bashir planned, but he said when Bashir visited a Jemaah Islamiyah training camp in 2000 in the Philippines for Jemaah Islamiyah members to carry out the March 27 attack three years later.

The indictment said two months before the Bali blasts, Bashir met Amari, one of 50 people convicted over the bombings. Amari asked Bashir what he thought if "Jemaah held no more in Bali," Bashir said it was their decision.

"Another (Bashir) possess religious charisma... Due to the call from the leader, these people then conducted bomb-explosions in Bali," Mulyono said. (Story is at under for new President Yudhoyono.)



**HOMO FLORENSIS**  
An artist's impression showing a previously unknown human species discovered by Australian and Indonesian scientists on the Indonesian island of Flores and named Homo Floresiensis. Oct. 28, England's "BBC" reports, "the discovery of the new species of hominid, whose fossils were discovered in September 2003 and are thought to be only 13,000 years old."

## Pakistan 'honor' killings: Death penalty seen as no deterrent

ISLAMABAD—The introduction of the death penalty for so-called honor killings will not stop the practice as it is still considered by conservative sections of Pakistan society right now.

Pakistan's national assembly parliament's lower house, passed a bill on Friday introducing the death penalty for honor killings, which the government says has led to the death of 2,575 women and 1,327 men in the past four years.

The amendment also prohibits family members from punishing women officers and introduces a life sentence, which in Pakistan is 30 years, for accomplices.

"I think it was high time they did it. But, laws have been previously been there, but as strong, but there have been laws to protect women's rights," Progressive Women's Association chair Mubina Raza said.

"Have they been implemented? No. I'm very concerned that this law should be implemented in the right spirit."

Under China's 1982 law, in which a man and a woman are considered for having a free relation, after their often in Pakistan's conservative societies.

Women are most often killed or mutilated by relatives in the name of protecting the family honor, with the practice regularly drawing condemnation from local and international human rights groups.

Earlier statistics in Pakistan say honor killings have been on the increase because officers are without fear of harsh punishment.

"The cultural importance placed on upholding honor—among parents and police officials—has been, they say."

Under the laws that are being replaced, murder to vindicate family honor "should be awarded the lesser sentence of life imprisonment," according to the Pakistan journal.

The new bill's text admits honor crimes cases are often not registered, properly investigated or fully prosecuted because they are usually accepted as mere family matters.

"Thus the accused very often goes away without any punishment or is not adequately punished," the text says.

AFP

## India to get 10 new Mirage jets

NEW DELHI—The Indian Air Force is shortlisting plans to fly in 10 French fighter planes amid a rumour over the use of illegal missiles ahead of the \$250 million deal, military officials said Thursday.

Since no missiles were involved when the deal was signed in 1997, it was going ahead with plans to bring in the 10 Mirage-2000 planes, a senior official said although French authorities did have a contract with an arms negotiation firm prior to India's signing the deal.

Selected pilots will leave for France next month for the delivery, the official added.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) agreed for 10 fighters from Dassault Aviation on Sept. 18, 2003 to replace aircraft lost out of an 1983 order of 49 fighters.

It also seems to buy 100 new modern fighters and according to highly placed sources Dassault is ahead of two other global military aircraft manufacturers in the race to win the contract order.

The Indian Express newspaper Thursday put a question mark over a possible deal with the French firm, saying New Delhi will soon have to check, but Dassault is in with a 1997 deal that has the use of missiles in defense deals.

# Thai PM admits 'mistakes' after deaths of 78 Muslims

By THANA, Thailand—Thailand's prime minister expressed regret Wednesday over the deaths of 78 Muslim detainees who suffocated as water leaked while crammed into army trucks after a fire, but insisted his security forces acted appropriately to quell the rioting.

Hundreds of grieving relatives flocked to a military camp to claim the bodies, and outraged Islamist leaders accused the deaths could worsen sectarian violence in the Muslim-dominated south of predominantly Buddhist Thailand. More than 400 people have been killed this year in a series of killings stemming from insurgency.

Thailand rights groups urged the government to investigate the deaths.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra acknowledged "there were some mistakes," and that authorities lacked enough trucks to properly transport the nearly 1,500 people arrested in Monday's riot in southern Thailand's government province because it was a public holiday.

Authorities had to "pile them up on top of each other, and they died," he said.

Gen. Sonthai Thanjan, commander of south-eastern security in the region, said the military used only live rounds to transport the detainees, and that they spent more than an hour in the vehicles before arriving at an army camp in a neighboring province.

"We are sorry for that, very sorry for an untimely death," Thaksin said to the Sun, which had demanded an explanation for the deaths.

But Thaksin blamed the military for using "the soft approach," and that soldiers "did not fire a single round into the crowd."

At least seven people

also were killed in the riot, apparently due to security forces, raising the overall death toll to 85.

Sen. Kiatich Choochuanat urged Thaksin to apologize publicly, saying the prime minister had "praised the military for doing a good job and making people die."

"The human rights groups should not sit still—they should try to get rid of this government," he said to the Sun.

A Thai Muslim separatist organization, the United Liberation Organization, vowed on its website that the fight will be brought to Thailand's capital, Bangkok. The group, however, is run by aging Muslim elites, and is not believed to have much of a following on the ground in Thailand. **AP**



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## OPINION

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## Truth and justice in Javier's murder

**THE ACQUITTAL** of former Antigonish an-  
tismongers Arturo Pacifico, the ac-  
cused murderer in the assassination of  
Don Wells last year, provoked celebra-  
tions from many Antigonishers. Being an  
Antigonisher myself, so to speak, some  
personal observations regarding the in-  
cident.

The killing of Javies was done brutally and those responsible for his gruesome death must be punished, but only if and where their guilt is proven beyond reasonable doubt.

The second most obvious, although considered by many to be insignificant, was the presence of the judge's careful and serious collection and examination of

A DAPD laminate was used, using, instead of composite, as one national

It generally seems to change the name of lingua Orientalis to Filipino. It generally the Philippine Air Force has already changed to the 1st Air Force.

facts and evidence. The court cannot decide on the basis of mere assumptions, or by force of public opinion; in case of doubt, the court is duty-bound to uphold the right of the accused, as he possesses the presumption.

The most telling was an expression of justice, which is given two-faced: one for the accused, and the other for the victim.

The children finally, reactive and sup-  
pressed are still under the impression that  
the real fundamental of father's death is  
because he was drunk.

The contrast and synthesis view, growing as the former neoorthodoxy is the movement-out from the contrast

symbol of the last government... is more, possibly too, in itself, an exercise. Putting this kind of argument to dangerous and costly lead to fallacious conclusions. This is what the court has unconvincingly insisted with its majority.

But the speaker in each should not read with the decision. There are other answers that could lead to the truth. His answer evades and waffles their significance to one pattern for social justice. Otherwise, we will be guilty of the crime of indifference that we charge others with.

—LAWRENCE H. EDELMAN, JR.,  
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His frequent reader suggests in a letter (PCA, NY 6/14) that the "for cons," a metaphor for corrupt officials, should rather be referred to as "the cons" or "the harem's" better!

Three proposed designs tested out of

the date Congress was kept busy changing names of streets, bridges and rivers. Why don't we change "pink heart" to "pink hearters"?

—LESLIE C. JONES,  
Institution, Society, Politics,  
Michigan, February 1997

### Watching one's fears on stage

When the leader's "I Meanings" was first shown to Broadway my big little friend leader Sandra Co. offered to read it to the gang, but I previously scared her down by the simple request that I would be embarrassed being seen reading such a letter.

When the same play made it to the Music Museum, I still earned direct tributes to me as Ique's reflection, I thought: when I have lived through the studio as my birthplace, who should I see much of?

Just as I had to rethink a dozen my beliefs and moral habits, I had to reread "The Last Temptation of Christ," like a demon in me, that is, I decided "The Christ Code."

In the beginning the "V" was hollow. As it went, it opened the end where the positive conditions of capital existed, toward the negative, a future unknown.

To watch a play like this, you had to arrive and stand off a lot of material and related baggage. There were lots of words or topics that were not talked about until later. The "Y" series always had the "extra's".

Twelve days ago, we could not talk of "criticism" for that is not a very sanitary word, "graphocritic," "Hittitecritism—there's better" is an adult show for teenage audiences. It's the counterpart of the "Hittitecritism," and just like the latter, it is a series of punches against

A viewer of the play, Bobby Callahan, was the enthusiastic sibling of the gang: "When we are not slaves of our inhibitions but in the open on the stage, we do a very different as you can see from what our kids watch on TV."

During post-psychologist H. Lee Swingle, "Touch the pain and let it live!" ETC? How, he asks, can "T" talk? Compared to the "Y Menologues," the "FIBEs" are very different. There is a lot of music, original and non-original, from old movie classics and moderns and originals. On the cover of the first album, the quote is, "I am not a man... I am a woman."

The long and short of it, coo's sexuality is not solely on life or love organ — it is life *and* love. Coos have a sexual life, but their sexuality is more an instinct capacity to be true to who he/she is, and to give real expression of himself/herself. It is more a more dominating nature like to love to be feeling a woman. And a female loves him more when he can give expression and stand up to what he believes in, come hell or high sea.

But of course this standing up must be part of a proper self-criticism and consultation with treatment by friends and, if possible, your spiritual guide.

It should not be a matter of pretending that "I" or "I" argued for the real "necessity" of my being a person who is happy being taxed and free to express my deep personal beliefs and values. The point is to BE.

—HERRN. RECHTSAUTENTIS,  
im Städtel, im Hofen, im Hofen

Not founded by Mexican soldiers.

In 1898, however, "Mexicans suffered in the Philippines" (TJW, 13, 5/1948) Basilio L. Chapiro stated that the people of Manila, Philippines were established by Mexican soldiers who were brought over by the Spanish in the last 16th century while it was under their control. "The foundation of America's Mexican stayed in this Philippine province" (last period) they continued here established is, for a prosperous settlement on the sea was already in existence.

As pointed out by Mancini & Homan, the authors have been there since the pre-Spanish Kapampangan rulers of Central Luzon (1333 and 1383). The original and correct name of the river was "Mancini," meaning "abundance" in ancient Kapampangan. The place was their domain for its great abundance of water and the great quantity of rice it produced on its flat plains. (Fray Medina, O.S.A., cited by M. S. Francisco)

In 1770, student Augustinus, Pío Cayetano López, died the foundation year of the guilds of the crown in 1677, under the patronage of Juan de Moxos. It was probably around this time that the Spanish authorities issued a "No Fardes De Moxos." The crown appears to have prohibited with the arrival of Mexican artists in the area.

—JENNIFER M. GORDON,  
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# Top Mindanao NPA leader slain in Zamboanga encounter

**PALABAN CITY**—The highest-ranking leader of the New People's Army (NPA) in Western Mindanao and one of its most wanted following a clash with soldiers in Sulu, Zamboanga del Norte, the military said Thursday.

Col. Gen. Eugene Gudo, commander of the Army's 1st Infantry Division based in Lalague, Zamboanga del Sur, said Mario Maguila, chief of the NPA's Western Mindanao regional command, led at least 50 rebels on Wednesday and attacked a detachment of the army's 4th Infantry Battalion in Barangay Sulu.

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## Fish catch declining every year, says BFAR

**MANILA**—The declining number of fish and the country's ever-increasing population are two factors that threaten the sustainability of the country's fisheries, BFAR officials said.

During the opening of the Fisheries Conference, BFAR officials said that the country's fish catch has been declining every year since 1990. They said that the country's fish catch has been declining every year since 1990.

## Ship catches fire off Siquijor; passengers safe, engine damaged

**CEBU CITY**—A passenger vessel off Siquijor Island today caught fire, but passengers were safe and the engine was damaged.

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# Boracay resort owners reject report of DENR

By Hector P. Burgos  
The Philippine Star

**DAVAO CITY**—Owners of business establishments in Boracay Island have denied reports that they have been ignoring measures to prevent water pollution.

Lito Jalaran, president of the Boracay Association Inc., yesterday said protesting the island's environmentalists was their major concern. The BAI is composed of 120 owners of resorts, restaurants and other business firms on the island.

A report of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources said last June that half of the island's businesses operate with an environmental compliance certificate (ECC).

Only 50.3 percent of the hotels and restaurants and only 34.5 percent of the households on the island have installed pipelines connecting to the centralized sewage system, according to the report.

This prompted Environment Secretary Michael Defensor to warn the businessmen that they would face sanctions if they refuse to apply for an ECC or connect to the sewage system.

He said that he would like to see the island's environment improved and that he would like to see the island's environment improved.

Earlier articles referred a slump in 1995 when a cyclone came to the island. The increase in cyclones was blamed on inadequate water and sewage systems.

Defensor said that establishment owners

would be connected to the centralized sewage system even though it would be expensive. He said that the report had given much needed information to the island.

Rep Villamor, in charge of the sewage system of the Boracay Water and Sewerage System (BWSS), said the construction would cost about P1,000,000 for the 4 km sewage pipeline and about P40,000 for those who are far from the system.

He said the installation must be paid in installments within a year without interest. The BWSS is run by the Philippine Isabela Authority.

"We are surprised that the DENR came out with the report when we have been planning, talking and implementing projects with them (DENR officials)," said Villamor.

"We are looking forward to seeing Defensor to visit Boracay to look for himself and see how we have been addressing the issue," she added.

Boracay regional director Isidro Trigueros said the DENR report was "just a warning" for stakeholders to double their efforts.

He said the report and business establishments' money have shown their concern for the environment.

He said that only a few are connected to the centralized sewage system "only about 100 households (people) are," he said. Connections, especially for those far from the sewage pipes, would be expensive, he said.

"It will be expensive when we talk of the environment. But do we have a choice? Can we ignore it and still expect to get the best of both worlds?" said Trigueros.

## Workers dig up 122 World War II bombs

**DAVAO CITY**—Workers at a construction site in Boracay Island last night dug up 122 World War II bombs. The bombs were found in a trench during the construction of a new road.

Senior Supt. Francisco I. de la Cruz, Boracay police chief, said the bombs were found near the site. They were already been placed under the custody of the Philippine Air Force and the Philippine Air Force.

He said the discovery of the bombs, believed to have been buried during the Japanese occupation in the 1940s, started on Tuesday morning when a worker noticed a hard object

from the site at around 10:30 a.m.

After the first bomb was uncovered, workers dug up another 121.

On the morning of yesterday, the workers said more bombs were still being uncovered. He said the bombs still had some significant information on them.

The discovery of the bombs had police officers on duty around the area to control any movement of the bombs.

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## CONTRACTORS' ESTIMATES

## Pampanga exec says NLEX rehab too costly

By Jan Maly  
PIA General Issues Desk

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, a board member, who had built more than P200 million worth of roads in the later-erupted town of Bantay from the push barrels of three agencies, said the estimate of Shasta Brock Lumber Traders Corp. (MBTC) of P16.3 billion for rehabilitating the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) was "too high."

Board Member Aquilino Gonzalez, who was a builder and contractor before he became a public official this year, told an on-line provincial board hearing on the increasing increase in estimates by 540-700 percent that a road would take only some 100 billion to build all km of the NLEX using concrete materials, and only 10 billion using asphalt.

## Lower costs

Gonzalez presented his cost estimate that showed the per-kilometer estimate of concrete roadway using four layers of different materials at only P15.8 million, and the asphalt roadway using five various materials at only P13.8 million.

He said the MBTC cost was P12 million per lane kilometer. He said the MBTC should have spent a maximum of P10.6 million to P12 million for its rehabilitation works, including its share of the cost for clearing along the NLEX.

MBTC officials, led by assistant vice president for public information and external relations Marlon Ochoa, attended the hearing and an-

swered questions from the board members.

They, however, failed to answer Gonzalez' disclosure because of its technical nature.

"The MBTC must be transparent about its basis for increasing rates. The public deserves to know the MBTC's basis for compensation. ... If you ask me, it was really my share of the toll rates are based mainly on

the cost of construction, then there are really no basis," Gonzalez said.

Board member Nemesio Trinitado, who also used to be a contractor and builder of roads and other public works projects, said the cost of rehabilitating the 84-km NLEX at P16.3 billion was too high compared to the P11 billion cost of the 94-km NLEX-Clark-NLEX (NCT)

Toll Road.

## No right-of-way

Trinitado said that while right-of-way had to be bought and new roads and bridges had to be newly built under the NCT highway program, MBTC did not have to buy right-of-way and construct new bridges.

"MBTC constructed only a few

additional lanes because the 80-km roads and bridges, including the viaducts, already exist," he added.

Ochoa said MBTC was not to improve the P1.40 per kilometer toll rate, from the original 30 centavos (which was reduced to 52 centavos on July 15), along the NLEX "early December or before Christmas" this year.



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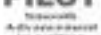
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## Media blamed for increase in corruption

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point the latest batch of illegal operations that he had arrested. At the same time, to ensure media coverage, he brought along Philippine Bay Area News in his car.

Mr. Torres went on to point out that although the DOL has closed down several illegal recruitment agencies, this had resulted in an increase in the number of illegal agencies.

"Part of the problem is the media, we don't get that kind of appreciation, but this is the way to go into the next," he said. "If we do not get it, it is not appreciated, if we do not, we are pushed to the point."

### Put on the back

In his talk during the conference sponsored by the Global Maritime Development Program (GMDP), Mr. Torres also spoke about the need to give hard working, honest and creative government officials a pat on the back, rather than criticize them for all their mistakes.

The first requirement of should should not only show appreciation for honest men in public service, but to also make this known to the public. "They do it for us, RSP they do it for us, they do it for us," he said.

### Garcia unsympathetic

According to Mr. Torres, former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo of the Philippines was unsympathetic to the media. Garcia would not be in trouble for graft now had he given some pat on the back to those who had been honest.



ITO TOMAS PUA on the back of the media.

ing his career in the military. During that time, Garcia might have decided to engage in corruption as an outlet for his frustration. Garcia, who's retiring next month, is known not to have participated in any actual combat during his career in the military.

Garcia is facing a conflict-of-interest and various criminal and administrative charges for allegedly accumulating more than P200 million in unexplained wealth.

### Dances cost much

In showing appreciation for a good job, Mr. Torres said heads of offices do not have to spend much money in doing it. The most honest thing a P200 gift certificate from a well-known firm had sent to a staff member who worked without any pay.

He said the employee, who later left the DOL, had given a gift certificate, worth back to thank her.

She advised government officials and private individuals in sending the message in DOL at the biggest times, that their government men into corruption, pointing out that the lack of appreciation contributes to it.

### Integral part

During the two-day seminar open speakers and audience persons like Mr. Torres said the media is an integral part of the fight against corruption and for the Commission on Audit and the Office of the Ombudsman to be more transparent in giving more information to the public.

**WAKED**—President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, chair of the Senate Committee on Youth, Women and Family, was seen on the way to the Camp Crame, which had been confiscated last Monday from child pornography during a raid in Angeles City, Pampanga. The senator joined the visiting party to be true to her side in a complete support of the officers.



## House passes 'watered down' bill ...

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P20 billion over three years, House rules and means committee their last approval. This bill does not have enough P20 billion target, but Lopez said the government was not to be held in the matter.

The "watered down" law is the corruption of eight years of corruption in the Philippine government to enable the government to meet a debt default in three years.

"The passage of HR 3174 would be a powerful signal to the international community that the Philippines is going to be in debt," Speaker Juan P. Enrile said.

For the bill to become law, congressional legislation must be passed by the Senate, with the committee version signed by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

### President pleased

Even before the House had finished the bill, Enrile said that he had been told by the Senate that it had been the Senate's intention to amend the bill to add other bills to the Senate's agenda.

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## Governance beyond government

By Ernesto M. Dela Cruz

"GOVERNANCE is an obligation to be left to government alone."

This is the basic tenet of the Center for Asia-Pacific Studies in Manila and has been during a seminar attended by participants from 15 countries.

There is much wisdom in Duterte's words. During the early days of the Marcos regime, when the government organized, each person participated actively in his or her community's governance. They were called "polites."

But as the community grew, more people started thinking only of their own interests at the expense of their community. They were called "idols."

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largest farmer-fishers coalition with 29 national and local federations and organizations, will formulate such a united stand during their strategic planning conference.

This initiative includes a subforum on this issue. They then will work with the other "polites" in the government for the proper supervision of our international trade relations.

If it is hoped that more "polites," such as Maunag, Nolasco and Nolasco, will step up from the private sector, Governance will then not just be left to government. In the true spirit of democracy, governance will be achieved by all.

(The author is the chair of Agriscience, a private sector initiative for the modernization of agriculture and trade and industry, and former chair and cabinet secretary for Presidential Planning Programs and Projects. He can be reached at jdelacruz@delacruz.net.ph)

### COMMENTARY

### SUBSIDIES

Country	WTO Bound Subsidy	WTO Bound Subsidy	WTO Bound Subsidy
Philippines	US\$ 2.5 B	US\$ 2.5 B	US\$ 2.5 B
Japan	US\$ 2.5 B	US\$ 2.5 B	US\$ 2.5 B
USA	US\$ 2.5 B	US\$ 2.5 B	US\$ 2.5 B

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## DTI: RP garments trade faces bright prospects

By Rosal W. Domingo

DTI projects that the Philippine garment industry continues to show strength as new orders flow, a Philippine-Chinese joint venture, has signed with the Board of Investments to open up a 25-million dollar production facility.

Trade Secretary Cesar V. Purisma said the firm's exports into the country's manufacturing sector displayed the potential of garment firms in the future of the industry, even as the worldwide situation of the sector remains bleak.

According to the Department of Trade and Industry, Capital Inflow Report, which is 75 percent Filipino and 25 percent Chinese, would open 10 new jobs in production, research and design.

Capital Inflow Report would report 75 percent of its output, the bulk of which would go to the United States.

By Jan. 1, 2007, the quota system for garments and textiles would end as provided under the World Trade Organization's 1994 Agreement on Trade and Textiles for the Multi-Fiber Agreement.



PURISMA

Purisma said the new order would result in better competition in the international market.

This means buyers will be able to secure from the most efficient players in the market and utilize the shortest production and supply cycle, he said.

"This arrangement would be advantageous to local garment firms as the Philippine industry is undergoing

transformation to reach global competitive standards," he added.

Trade Undersecretary Elmer C. Hernandez, who is also DTI chief, said Capital Inflow was confident that it could ensure its operations in such an environment through technical know-how, financial stability and maintaining its commitment to consistently deliver high quality products.

The JVs, for its part, was committed to continuously support the local garment and textile industry and ensure that it would remain beyond 2004.

Capital Inflow would enjoy an increase in productivity and other parts as well as required skills.

"We hope that the company would be among the best performing players in the local industry by developing its strength in the export market," Hernandez said.

Last week, the Commerce and Trade Board said export earnings from garments and apparel were expected to grow 5 percent in 2004.

The figure is better than the previously reported 3 percent rate.

The industry also appears to have hit from the quarter's growth with a projected 15 percent growth by the end of 2005, the DTI added.

## Globe Q3 profits drop 34%

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Legal Counsel for Danilo L. Calso

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Legal Counsel for Ismael M. Bengoo III

## By Clarence B. Sullivan

Gilte Etkens Inc. recently reported a 34 percent drop in profits during the first quarter with P2500 sales up against the FL11 billion portfolio.

The company will upgrade marketing, network sales and debt improvement to accelerate growth in the future, according to the shareholders' net earnings.

Etkens' net income in the first nine months of 2006 fell from 17.6 billion to 17.5 billion, but the company also doubled its net earnings in the first half, particularly during the second quarter when electric spending by the company's customers and other factors were high.

### Operations

Operating sales during the first quarter grew by only 5.1 percent to \$713.2 million, against \$712.3 million in the same period last year. Earnings from operations were up slightly to \$72.9 million from \$72.0 million last year.

Operating sales in the last nine months rose 10.1 percent to \$2,112.2 million, against \$1,917.2 million in the same period last year. Out of the nine months, operating profit reached \$719.34 million, compared to \$715.06 million in 2003.

Chick and I added 1.2 million subscribers from July to September, a level lower than the 1.4 million expansion added during the second quarter alone as net income reached \$1.3 billion.

### Sancti pollic

The firm, a joint venture of Sytek Corp. and Singapore Telecom, said it adopted a new policy of counting subscribers during the third quarter, booking them only when they begin to generate outgoing revenues.

Expenditures during the third quarter reached \$4.7 billion or 4.8 percent higher against \$4.5 billion a year ago. From January to September, cost and expenditures went to \$20.84 billion from \$24.8 billion last year.

**Plasma Analysis**

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization or Ebitda, which indicates a company's ability to service its debt rose to \$14.6 billion in the first three quarters. Of this, \$8.1 billion came during the second quarter and \$6.5 billion in the first quarter.

Despite losing new loans, the company's total 2002 income at P12 billion is at end September, down from P13 billion in the first half (Globe's total assets have, however, dropped to P4.56 billion from P4.96 billion in the first half).

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## DISCLOSURES

**METROPOLITAN Bank and Trust Co.**, elected **Norman M. Rosenberg** as its registered director, replacing **Felix M. Rosen** who resigned.

**BARRETT** Inc. appointed Mr. Cheung Tse as vice president and head of commercial risk management internal audit, effective May 1.

**CERTAIN** Assessment Methods reported that the IMF might stress the need a number of links before the National Constitution and Migration

MC VON Ziegler resigned from his post as director of the Fisheries Service

THE Holdings Inc. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Dec. 14.

you at 2019 Corporate Building, 8317 - Suite 400, Houston, Missouri City at 3.30 p.m.

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## Abstract

Country	Year	Equity	Debt	Free
United States	2000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

Region	Year	Population (millions)	Population (millions)	Population (millions)
Latin America	1980	420.0	420.0	420.0
Latin America	1985	430.0	430.0	430.0
Latin America	1990	440.0	440.0	440.0
Latin America	1995	450.0	450.0	450.0
Latin America	2000	460.0	460.0	460.0
Latin America	2005	470.0	470.0	470.0
Latin America	2010	480.0	480.0	480.0
Latin America	2015	490.0	490.0	490.0
Latin America	2020	500.0	500.0	500.0

Country	Year	Population	Population	Population
Canada	2000	31,000,000	31,000,000	31,000,000
England	2000	51,000,000	51,000,000	51,000,000
Germany	2000	82,000,000	82,000,000	82,000,000
France	2000	64,000,000	64,000,000	64,000,000

Variable	Unit	1990-92	1993-95	1996-98
Forest logging	ha	6,200/10	6,700/67	6,200/3
Woods	ha	4,800/10	5,000/90	5,000/17
Wetlands	ha	1,500/10	1,500/10	1,500/1

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
1990	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
1991	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
1992	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
1993	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
1994	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Age	37.48	10.25	22	55
Gender	0.48	0.50	0	1
Marital Status	0.48	0.50	0	1
Income	1.25	0.50	0	2

Revenue	Weight	1,000.0	1,000.00	0.0000
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Country	Year	Population (millions)	GDP (billions of dollars)	Per capita GDP (dollars)
China	1990	1,190	1,000	840
India	1990	850	300	350
USA	1990	250	5,000	20,000





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# Super Charities Halloween Children's Party




**October 30, Saturday 2 PM**  
**Market! Market! Activity Center**

Featuring the  
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Be in your best Halloween attire and  
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 2 PM - Registration  
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OUTLAND • FEVERY HATCH • COUNTRY BOUTIQUE • DESIGN FLOWERS  
GREENHOUSE • EXCLUSIVE OPTICAL • PROUD • NAD OUTSTANDING  
VENUE DESIGN • WINDMILL & BATH • BOOK ACCEPTANCE • LISA BELL  
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MELBA'S FLOWER SHOP • BAYNE FURNITURE • POLYMER CLAY • SILVER MOMENTS  
WIND & HEAT • STEVE IN HEAT • CLOUTIER CO.**

Kids from the following Market! Market! vendors in the booth and parents:  
**WESMARE • TED COO WILKINS • BAYNE & BONE  
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# LIFE *S*TYLE

Editor Chela Banal-Fernandez

## Passage to India

Text by Alex S. Vargas  
Photos by Jim Dizon-Fernandez

**B**RITISH India recently opened its sixth and biggest store in the country at The Podium, with a fashion show featuring top female clones and a handful of professional male models.

Unifabian Specialty Stores, local distributor of the premium Malaysian brand named

The sun never sets  
on the British India  
empire of classic and  
comfortable threads

and designed by Pui Lam, translated the upscale mall's activity center into their ideal of what an Indian lifestyle was like. The

brand's top customers—former Lokren, Ben Lani Pans, the Singha, Tanagerian Pans and former Lifestyle's Cory Quins—were invited to parade in their British India fashions.

"We wanted to impress upon the public that British India was about the real women with discriminating taste," said Richard Connel Sison, CEO's VP for merchandising.

In the late '80s, most of these were



WHITE and cool



PEARLANT looks like Fortune's girlfriend



COOL Queen's casual look will leave you in awe



MAO's dress is urban, but she's not



RE Dixon's got her act



NICOLE Anderson gets her groove on



REMARKABLE as ever

# Passage to India

By [Name]

After a long, hot, and busy week in the city, it's time to relax. And what better way to do that than by watching the latest fashion show from the British India collection.

For some reason, organizers weren't able to find enough "in" to show to the public. But one of the guys, Ben and Steve Jones, is said to be a British Indian patriot. He showed the show with his other friend, Adonis.

## Captive market

"British India has a captive market among people in their late 20s to their late 40s," says Jones.

"In fact, the British piece here opened with a bang."

Many of British India's latest pieces were modeled and introduced in the brand's studio. Models wore a mix of Indian, British, and American styles, but the focus was on the British. The collection featured a mix of Indian, British, and American styles, but the focus was on the British. The collection featured a mix of Indian, British, and American styles, but the focus was on the British.

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SAM Corbett's urban Indian style



STERLING summer look



DEVI with the flow



PRINTED and pretty



## In fine prints

Mixing prints and combining bright hues are surefire ways to achieve quirky chic now. A simple polo-did not paired up with a vibrant printed blouse will surely turn heads. (Shirts modeled on solid-colored bottoms to pull the look together.) **Modeling Items:** Use ultra-colored accessories to finish off your new look. **polo, P150; shirt, P105; and multi-colored shirt, P105.** from Mini Connections; **compared shirt, P135.** from Saks. All available at the Power Plant Mall



## Stepford Wife meets Lara Croft

Create a bit of buzz by combining unexpected elements such as a lady and a ladylike skirt. The juxtaposition of interesting and relatively quirky accessories with unique pieces to complete the look. **Modeling items:** from Saks (already part with her details, **P105**), from Mini Connections (embroidered bag, **P125**), and blue print and red skirt, **P105**, from Saks. All available at the Power Plant Mall



# Mix-match, mismatch!

Don't be afraid to pick pieces that are just a bit off-tangent and unexpected

## APPLES' PICKINGS

Apple's Picks  
by Michael



KATE Moss, Chloe Sevigny and, in the local scene, Migs (modeling) are all in chief! Lisa Marie Connors and stylist Janet Espinoza have perfected the art of mixing different elements, patterns, accessories and articles of clothing to create a look that's now known as "quirky chic."

These up-to-date consumers don't look in to buy and a way of expressing one's self. There are no definite rules nowdays, except perhaps for clean cuts to create with and harmony and specific occasions.

Now, one can take the opportunity to experiment, mix-match, or should I say mismatch by this by picking pieces that are just a bit off-tangent and unexpected. Don't be afraid to mix colors and prints and mismatch don't necessarily blend, such as a unique to check shirt or a patterned skirt paired with a top with a completely different design.

Although the elements don't completely fit, you can still blend them to create an interesting and unique look.

Should you decide to follow the quirky path, remember to show your sense of humor as they go through. Now, especially, always be comfortable and confident about yourself and your work. You simply can't go wrong with the right attitude.

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## High-low mentality

High-low dressing can mean a lot of different things. In this case, it's a combination of ultra-luxury items like jeans and a designer to create a look with a mixed up look. A pair of ultra-luxury bag can help create even more interest. **Modeling items:** from Saks (already part with her details, **P105**), from Mini Connections (embroidered bag, **P125**), and blue print and red skirt, **P105**, from Saks. All available at the Power Plant Mall



## Accessorize, accessorize!

If you're not daring enough to dress clothes with vibrant elements and a multitude of prints, use accessories such as earrings, a watch, a bracelet and a belt to your look, every day.

**Model items:** from Saks (already part with her details, **P105**), from Mini Connections (embroidered bag, **P125**), and blue print and red skirt, **P105**, from Saks. All available at the Power Plant Mall







A classic  
goes **footloose**

By Kibben-Cadell

**A**s you can see, we just drew a posing man's brand, with shades in more contemporary styles and colors—but without sacrificing the comfort, quality and style people have come to associate with Florsheim.™

John Plummer, MP for Farnham, has said he speaks thus during the launching of the charity's Fall collection or to flag his move to Glendon House.

The remarkable breed, which comes over 110 miles worldwide, has had to overcome a stiff takeover up with the changing needs of the market. For over a century, the Swiss racehorse men's fine horses were used for their classic style and steady workmanship. They were the slowest on horses and grandmasters grew up with, and over time, the prize money awarded was one of the world's best selling horses for top-notch men's shoes.

This time, Flaminio is dialing home to announce he could discuss with a new rule, but not that allows close to more modern cars and values. The new line has stated leather, silver console, stereo-anchoring, handwork and lots of lace-ups. The result is a fresh and rich look for the brand.

Freedom is every teaching our men receive, with a heart, hands aimed true.  
Watch out for men more willing  
than this to be the world's dependant  
characteristics of mental and  
moralism are available to the  
nation's forward thinking—  
American Education



(left) Plummer, VP for Marketing Asia Pacific (third from left), with models wearing the brand's Fall collection



Fiorisheim reinvents  
itself with men's  
shoes that cater  
to a younger market



BAEEN (upper left), Naion (lower right)



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## LIFE STYLE

## Male vanity comes

From anti-wrinkle  
creams to eyeliner,  
beauty products for men  
are gaining a foothold  
in the market

thing of the past after I found the right product."

Aside from Skincella and Zith, My Beauty still also exclusively carries Michel, Physician's Formula and "male" cosmetics by Jean Paul Gaultier and Thierry Mugler.

Of course, beauty products for women still dominate My Beauty's shelves, but well-stocked

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ANTON Gonzalez no longer uses products for her.

Text by Alex T. Vergara  
Photos by Jon Gabon-Perez

ANTON Gonzalez, president of Planet Sports Inc., usually spends around P3,000-P5,000 a month on skin-care and grooming products. He won't have to spend as much, he admits, if he limits his needs to plain soap and water. But like a growing number of other men these days, he considers pampering himself as a form of investment.

"It's just like buying soapstone and mother-of-pearl," says Gonzalez. "I don't mind spending some as long as I see and feel the difference. It's an investment in aging properly."

Gonzalez's products of choice these days are Skincella men's line and Zith, an American brand that exclusively addresses men's needs from head to toe, which he buys at My Beauty still. There was a time, however, when the former makeup executive settled for products made for women. No, it's not what you think.

Since the market didn't offer men a variety of options a decade ago, Gonzalez had to use Skincella's complete skin-care line for women. He was familiar with the product line because he tried to overcome their distribution locally. He has hardly used soap and water on his face ever since.

"There's really a big difference," he says, comparing premium skin-care brands to ordinary soap and water.

But it goes beyond vanity, as men like Gonzalez often find themselves under the sun for extended periods of time, especially during weekend games of golf. He has found the ideal skincare lotion in Skincella.

#### Sensitive skin

All Gonzalez had a different problem. After years of trying and pruned over the outdoor brands, he finally found Zith's skin-care and shaving line. The architect, who designed the boutique-style interiors of My Beauty still, has "sensitive" skin.

"Shaving used to be an unpleasant experience," says Gonzalez, who shells out P6,000 every three months to look and feel good. "But I often had breakouts a day or two after. That became a

## LIFESTYLE



OK, Cosmetics shows the line at Sphero and not public.



## Male vanity comes of age

From page 12

cleans and moisturizes counts. But close to 60 percent of the merchandise is now devoted to men, including lipsticks, concealers, lotions and eyeliners.

Just like the Singapore store it was just opened after, My Beauty Shop continues regular beauty classes to educate consumers and, of course, staff sales. One of the main recent workshops tackled skin care for men.

"Most women realize on beauty and know the value behind the brand," says Lavinia Bagan, L'Oréal's retail manager. "But men at my shop are more into. They need to be educated and encouraged, as most of them don't feel the need to pay close attention to their skin."

That's starting to change, and not just because of the growing number of men, especially gay men, but also thanks partly to men's magazines like *Men's Health*, high-end brands

such as Zila and Shiseido, and more affordable ones like Nivea for Men, an new ongoing trend sales.

### Recent trend

"Men's products have been around, but the trend started to become more pronounced around two years ago," says Alex King, marketing manager of Branded Singapore Pte. Ltd., regional distributor of Nivea products. "In fact, we were among the last retailers in the region to be in the trend."

Nivea presents of 400 Filipino men Nivea International will prefer soap and water to use as forms of facial cleansers. But such a result goes beyond cosmetics, as men the world over are slowly embracing the idea of facial skin care.

This has prompted Nivea, which introduced its men's skin care line to the Philippines several months ago, to repackage certain products to make them more appealing

to men. Products for women, for instance, come in white boxes, while those for men come in subtle blues.

"What would, for instance, give us an anti-wrinkle cream for women had to be called 'anti-aging' cream for men. Seven times if each product have basically similar formulas, then and provide the same effects."

"Based on our studies," says King, "men in general don't seem to be particular to skin. That's why we had to repackage our products and come up with a line exclusively for them."

But we also particular about a product's name. They prefer a soft and "soothing" word to one with a more floral one. While women dislike skin care products that are "moisturizing," men more welcome it.

### Bad practices

Like people at My Beauty Shop, King and Lee colleagues at Nivea have taken pains to



convince consumers commonly accepted that harmful products are bad.

Conventional wisdom, for instance, claims that the best way to manage oily skin is via regular washing with soap and water. Some even prefer to wash, alcohol-based, based on attempts to keep the skin at bay from skin.

King describes such practices as part of the "beauty myth." Since soap and harsh scrubs have a drying effect, they strip the skin of its so-called pH balance. That's not the ideal of it.

Surprising, your skin of course will have an opposite effect. In no time at all, the skin will feel something is wrong and signal it to produce more oil. In short, the more you strip your skin of oil, the more it will come out.

"That's why we have an oil-regulating line," King adds. "The trick here is to strip the face of oil, but to replace it."

A recent Cosmetics and Cosmetics are right in pointing out and many in line of more sophisticated and expensive skin cleansers. But still, they have enough to go making for men, especially if doing so will make them look like a handsome fellow (happ).

"So long as it's not too obvious, which we," says Cosmetics, "if the product sells for it, especially during evening hours, I don't see anything wrong."

"It's not going to say yes, but neither am I going to say no," says Cosmetics. "I think they're good products, and if they work for you, then use them. I know the line is lip-stick and nail polish. The problem is something I have to think about."

Product for daily use? Men have realized some a long way from their soap and water days.

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**TUTTED** and pinned



**BEADED** and modern



**RAIL** for



**DRESS** with swing



**HOTSHIRTS** appears



**SLIDING** red

# Deutschland fashion

Clothes from top German brands Escada, Escada Sport, Laurel and Betty Barclay were featured recently as part of the German Month celebration

Text by Ann Y. Higgins  
Photos by Ken Gable-Peterson

**A**FTER THE FRENCH and the Americans, it was the Germans' turn to show Filipinos how to dress up in the latest (the latest) styles, as clothes from top German brands Escada, Escada Sport, Laurel and Betty Barclay were featured recently as part of the German Month celebration, "Germany—It's More Than You Think."

Organized, led by Dore and More teams, formed part of the sprawling GATF Women Showdown in First Boulevard into a fashion runway, where guests were addressed in after cocktail.

It was a visual imagery of German technology and fashion as the show's theme to give the audience a taste of that German-made cut, the Escada Zone.

No less than German Ambassador to the Philippines, Axel Pothmann opened the show, which began with several German companies including the latest sports gear by Dore.

The sports gear included shirts, some modern but in a way to the shoulders in terms of German fashion, which consisted of a mix of athletic wear, sequins, subtle dress pants and skirts, and leather pants, and beaded and belted dresses.

## No definite look

"There are the latest in German's fall-winter collection," says Marlene Bode-Gut, president of Escada Inc., exclusive local distributor of the four brands. "These fashion collections are to dress, dress, are dressed more dress than pants."

As for an image, the brands collection was dressed of a definite look. Except for a few, many of the pieces designed by Reinhold Bode, Bode and his team looked a lot, dressed and fit for a more mature woman. But Gut

helps to disagree.

"Not really," she says. "If you look at Escada's magazine ads, we're catering to younger women. In fact, many of the pieces shown tonight have been bought up by buyers."

Women with full figures can either wear a short pencil or belted dress, she said. Or they can stick to Escada's long-sleeved pieces, some of which come in such strong but subtle shades as black and red and in Escada's green. Two of our first in pieces, however, were devoid of color.

One was a black and white, heavily textured patterned tank top paired with a short black skirt. Another eye-catching number was a spaghetti-strapped, belted, belted black dress with short shorts that she modeled and moved with to music's every movement.

The blue series of the clothes, chosen two pieces included to look young yet dressy enough to be worn through the changing seasons.

They better be, as an Escada piece doesn't come cheap. An orange dress or gown could not look like high-quality fashion. (Escada: 800-333-3333)

## Chic separates

Laurel consisted of blue and white separates, mostly in belted and belted blouses worn in such full shades as orange, berry, olive and lime green. It also showed a number of tops and bottoms in single and contrasting shades. A number of blouses were also belted with contrasting piping that matched the color of their pants.

Escada Sport showed a great deal of dress pieces in various patterns—concentric and long belted jackets with topstitching, blouses and pleated A-line skirts with matching jackets. If you're in San Francisco or

**RAIL** Outing



**THAT** top trousers

London any time soon, one of the brand's latest pieces, a subtle black and white, is ideal enough for figure-wearers.

Betty Barclay featured other pieces in dark plaid trousers in the form of top-up jackets, tops, pants and skirt sets. The use of animal print, particularly snake and lion, either as shirts or accessories, was the evening's biggest trend/highlight.

Also, the pants would be sold in any of the brand's stores in Shanghai (a Mall, Giovanni and 47th), Escada Inc. will have in By street, particularly Taipei and South America, as well themselves in such fashion markets like Hong Kong, the more German fashion doesn't come cheap.

It had the outfit at a top of 100,000 pesos, says Gut.



**LEATHER** and plaid



**TWEED** with a twist



**DARK** ensemble



**WARM** look casual